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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same numbers respectively:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A recording medium comprising:
a nonvolatile recording area for storing data;
an update notification part for updating update information
of the time of writing or erasing of data to said nonvolatile
recording area and holding said update information in said
nonvolatile recording area;
a host interface part for communicating with a data
processing apparatus; and
a controller for reading and writing data from and to said
nonvolatile recording area and supplying the data in said
nonvolatile recording area and said update information to said
data processing apparatus via said host interface part,
wherein update information in said update notification part
can be read from said data processing apparatus and cannot be
written by said data processing apparatus, and
update information in said update notification part is
updated only immediately before data of said nonvolatile

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recording area is first updated after initialization processing of said recording medium conducted at [[the]] a time when the recording medium is inserted into the data processing apparatus.

Claims 2-10 (Cancelled):

Claim 11 (Currently amended): The recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said nonvolatile recording area includes: a data storage area which stores one or more pieces of data; and a search information storage area which stores search information required when the data processing apparatus takes out each data stored in said data storage area, and

at least one of said data storage areas has a field for storing update information in said update notification part.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said nonvolatile recording area includes: a data storage area which stores one or more pieces of data; and a search information storage area which stores search information required when the data processing apparatus takes out each data stored in said data storage area, and

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 said search information storage area has the field for
 storing update information in said update notification part
 immediately after said data is updated.

 Claim 13 (Cancelled):

 Claim 14 (Currently amended): A data processing method,
 wherein a recording medium includes: a nonvolatile recording area
 for storing data; an update notification part for holding update
 information of data in said nonvolatile recording area; and a
 controller for reading and writing data from and to said
 recording area and supplying the data in said nonvolatile
 recording area and said update information to a data processing
 apparatus, and

 said data processing apparatus includes: a slot to which
 said recording medium is attached; and a data processor for
 reading data of said recording medium attached to said slot and
 temporarily storing the data and performing a data processing on
 the basis of update information read from said recording medium
 in said update notification part, comprising the steps of:

 making [[it]] possible for update information in said update
 notification part in said nonvolatile recording area to be read

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from said data processing apparatus and impossible for update information to be written by said data processing apparatus; updating said update information by said controller at the time of writing or erasing of data to said nonvolatile recording area; and determining whether or not data of said nonvolatile recording area in said recording medium has been updated after said data was recorded by determining whether or not update information of a field in the recording area read from said recording medium corresponds to update information in said update notification part read from said recording medium.

Claims 15-20 (Cancelled):